GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
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SUBSIDY FOR PROMOTION OF SOLAR ENERGY
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the director of Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Integrated Rural Energy Planning and Development has requested for subsidy to promote solar energy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a)&(b): Vide letter dated 7.2.2000, the Director, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Integrated Rural Energy Planning and Development, Bakoli, Delhi, had requested the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources to allow them to establish an Aditya solar shop at their premises for promoting the sale of renewable energy devices among the rural people of Delhi State. It was also requested that the central subsidy made available on various renewable energy gadgets may be provided to them on the items sold from this shop. Later vide their letter dated 1st July, 2000, it was informed that a Renewable Energy Showroom has been established in the premises of the Institute; the Ministry was requested to allow them to run it as an Aditya solar shop and also utilize the state and central subsidy for the benefit of the rural people and participants of various training programmes.

(c): The programmes of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources, including the scheme relating to the establishment of Aditya Solar Shops, are implemented mainly through the renewable energy agencies in various states which function as nodal agencies in the respective states. The central subsidy available on certain renewable energy devices is provided to users by the state agencies directly or through the Aditya Shops. The Ministry is also assisting a few non-government organizations in running such shops. Since the Mahatma Gandhi Institute is neither a nodal agency nor an NGO, the comments of the Delhi Energy Development Agency, which is the nodal agency for Delhi, have been sought on the request made by the Institute. The Ministry, however, has been providing grants to the Institute for organizing training and awareness promotion programmes and for projects related to solar energy. A project on `Technical survey of industries in and around Delhi involved in drying of industrial products for minimizing their energy consumption by installing solar dryers` was sanctioned to them on 12.8.99 for a period of one year; no progress report has been received so far from the Institute.